

# Managed Forest Tax Reduction Program 1977

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To encourage the proper management of private forests and to help ensure their full productivity, the Government of Ontario is continuing with the program authorized under The Forestry Act to assist qualifying forest owners.

This program should be of special interest to any person owning a forest that is not assessed as farm land.

To owners of managed forests, your Ontario Government will pay a grant equivalent to 50% of the municipal and school taxes or local roads board taxes that have been levied on the land occupied by your forest.

This program is the joint responsibility of the Minister of Natural Resources and the Treasurer of Ontario and the Minister of Economics & Intergovernmental Affairs.

This pamphlet summarizes the main points of the program and the conditions for qualifying.

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## Details of Program

### YOU ARE ELIGIBLE IF

1. You reside in Ontario and own the property.  
The property must be located in an area designated under The Woodlands Improvement Act as a private forest management area.
2. At least 50% of the 1977 municipal, school or local roads board taxes have been paid.
3. You are prepared to certify on the application that the forest portion of your land meets the conditions outlined below:
  - (i) The forest must have one or more of the following kinds of trees: pine, spruce (except Colorado Blue Spruce), hemlock, elm, tamarack, oak, cedar, balsam fir, birch, ash, hickory, basswood, tulip, black cherry, walnut, beech, butternut, chestnut, maple, sycamore, locust, black gum, sassafras, poplar.
  - (ii) The forest must have a minimum of:
    - a) 400 trees per acre of any size or
    - b) 300 trees per acre measuring over two inches in diameter or
    - c) 200 trees per acre measuring over five inches in diameter or
    - d) 100 trees per acre measuring over eight inches in diameter.

The diameter measurements are to be taken four and one-half feet above the ground. As a general rule of thumb, trees 10 feet apart or closer will total 400 trees per acre.

(iii) The forest must be in one of the following categories:

- a) The forest comprises 25 acres or more and livestock does not pasture or roam in the forest. If any cutting took place in the forest in 1977 it was done in accordance with good forestry practices or a municipal tree cutting by-law, if one exists.
- b) The forest is subject to an agreement under The Woodlands Improvement Act or The Forestry Act.
- c) The forest is managed under a forest management plan certified by a Registered Professional Forester.

## **HOW MUCH WILL YOU RECEIVE**

You will receive 50% of the municipal and school or local roads board taxes on the managed forest portion of your property. No grant will be paid unless at least one half of the 1977 taxes on the forested portion have been paid.

No grant will be paid if the taxes for 1977, on the managed forest area, are less than \$20.

No grant will be paid in respect of the managed forest if you are to receive a grant under the 1977 Farm Tax Reduction Program for the same managed forest.

## **THE GRANT MAY BE OBTAINED**

by completing, signing and returning an application to the Subsidies Branch for each separately assessed property by no later than December 31st, 1978. Use the address shown on the application.



## **THIS GRANT MUST BE REPAID**

If the forest ceases to be a managed forest before Dec. 31, 1987, the grant must be repaid together with 8% interest per annum by the person who owns the managed forest at the time it ceases to be a managed forest.

## **FIELD EXAMINATION**

Staff of the Ministry of Natural Resources have authority to enter onto lands to ensure that a managed forest exists.

## **IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS**

Please write the Ministry of Treasury, Economics and Intergovernmental Affairs, Subsidies Branch, Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario M7A 2R8 or telephone (416) 965-3500.



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